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BABE FREEZES TO DEATH

HORRIBLE ARE THE DETAILS OF A STORY THAT COMES FROM WEST TUNNEL.

LITTLE HAMLET ON THE SHORT LINE JUST ACROSS HARRISON-WESTEL COUNTY LINE SCENE OF AWFUL DEATH.

Babe Only Four Days Old in Bed With Its Mother Frees to Death and the Mother Almost Perishes—Fire Dies Down and Blasts of Winter Blow Through the Cracks of Shanty.

What seems a weird story comes from West Tunnel, on the Short Line railroad, a hamlet just west of the big tunnel, yet it is told by one who is actually acquainted with the facts, so far as the last scene is concerned.

A baby frozen to death is the startling feature of one story. The horrible incident happened last Sunday, but did not get out for several days for the reason that there was every effort of the neighborhood to keep the affair quiet. It is an awful tale and shows the pioneer life yet indulged in in some neighborhoods in West Virginia, although they are within only a few miles of civilization and Christianity.

"Maggie's baby is dead," was the startling information given by a small brother of the mother of the infant that perished, an announcement that astounded the hamlet. Sure enough, the child knew what it was talking about, and it was found that a four-day-old baby had perished from cold in a hovel—positively frozen to death—and the mother narrowly escaped.

The mother of the babe is Maggie Robertson, barely arrived at the age of womanhood. Her father and brothers put wood on the fire in an old-fashioned fireplace last Sunday morning and went out to work in the woods. When they returned at noon, they found the young child dead in bed and the young mother all but perished. Her condition was such that for some time it was thought she would die.

The little one had frozen to death after the fire died down. The place was a rude hut with wide cracks in the walls and the wintry blasts came in with all their fury. The bed clothing was scant. The mother was not able to replenish the fire and both mother and babe suffered, and the babe died.

Later in the day travelers as they passed saw a carpenter by the shanty sawing boards and fitting them together. He was preparing a box to put the infant in to bury it.

It is a sad story, one that appeals to every one that reads it, and it ought to result in greater effort to spread civilization. A little missionary work, perhaps, would do good.

W. B. PAYNE DIES HERE

Was a Brother of Dr. John B. Payne and Home Was in Appleton, Missouri.

W. B. Payne, of Appleton City, Mo., died at the home of his brother, Dr. John B. Payne, here at 4:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon from a complication of diseases. He had been in bed for several weeks and about a month ago Dr. Payne went to Appleton City to see him and brought him home with him.

The deceased was a son of F. E. Payne of Phillips, this state, and was born there. Surviving him is his second wife, two children by his first wife, four brothers, namely, L. A. Payne and Fenton Payne, of Phillips; Andy Payne, of Idaho, and Dr. John B. Payne, of this city, and one sister, Mrs. Emma Hodkins, of Phillips.

The deceased moved to Missouri twenty-three years ago and gave his attention to agricultural pursuits, as well as farming one of that state's best. His age was 44 years, and he was taken away in the prime of life.

The remains will be taken to Appleton City this morning on No. 3, accompanied by L. A. Payne, a brother, and Frank Payne, of Montana, a cousin. Burial will occur in that city.

Returns From Convention.

Rev. L. E. Peters, the well known Sunday school worker, returned home Thursday evening from Grafton, where he attended and took part in the Taylor County school convention.

SERVICES IN MEMORY OF PRIEST

FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF FATHER O'CONNOR IS TO BE OBSERVED.

SOLENN HIGH MASS WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH THIS FORENOON.

Deceased Priest Located Here in 1861 and Continued to Live Here Until His Death—Was Beloved By All the Many Who Knew Him.

The first anniversary of the death of Right Reverend Daniel O'Connor will be fittingly remembered at the Catholic church today. Solemn high mass will be held at nine o'clock. Father Reynolds will be the celebrant, Father Shoenan, deacon, and Father Gormley, sub-deacon. There will be appropriate music and possibly a sermon will be preached.

Father O'Connor died a year ago today in Providence hospital, in Washington City, as the result of the surgeon's knife in the performance of an operation for a trouble that had afflicted him for years. The sad message reached here at five o'clock in the evening and cast a gloom all over the city. The remains were brought here and Bishop Donahoe and others of the denomination conducted the funeral, which was one of the largest attended and most impressive ever occurring here, and the remains were laid to rest in Holy Cross cemetery.

Father O'Connor was ordained a priest in 1850 and in March, 1861, he accepted the Clarksburg and Weston parish and three years later located in Clarksburg, where he continued to reside until his death. He was greatly beloved by not only his own denomination but by all Protestants who knew him. It is fitting that his memory should be cherished and that today's services should take place.

INTERESTING COLLECTION

Of Photographs and Relics of John Brown's Raid On Display in Grocery Department of Parsons-Souders Store.

A very interesting collection of photographs and relics is on display in the grocery department of the Parsons-Souders Company. The photographs are of scenes in and about Harper's Ferry, Virginia, during the operations of the notorious John Brown. They include a photograph of John Brown himself, one of his wife, one showing him riding on his coffin to the scaffold, one of his last meeting with his wife in the jail at Charles Town on Dec. 2, 1859, one of the execution, one of his sword and one of his Bible.

Other photographs are of the storming of John Brown's fort, the scaffold after Brown's execution, the jail that he was in after sentence, the court house in which he was tried, pictures of Copic and Cook, who were executed on Dec. 16, 1859, with Brown and of Green and Oplin, two negroes, who were also executed, Harper's Ferry, as it looked on the morning when Brown made his raid from Maryland Heights and seized the United States arsenal, and of the home of Col John Toomas Gibson, at Harper's Ferry, which stands on the spot where Brown was executed. There are also photographs of J. O. Tutwiler, of Charles Town, father of George Tutwiler, of this city, who, with W. G. Meeks, of this city, owns the collection, and of Jack Hybert, now of Washington, D. C., who are the only living men who were guards at the fort in 1859. Besides the photographs there are relics, one of which is John Brown's sword taken from him when captured, and bricks from the fort and other like mementoes.

The collection is indeed an interesting one and worth one's while to examine. Either Mr. Meeks or Mr. Tutwiler will be glad to show and explain them to any person calling at the Parsons-Souders grocery department.

Child Is Sick.

Dean Ward, the six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Ward, in Glen Elk, is quite sick. He has symptoms of typhoid fever, but may escape with an attack of lagrippe.

Moves to Quiet Dell.

Gottlieb Schutte, a life-long citizen of Adamston, has just finished moving to Quiet Dell. Adamston regrets his departure.

LOCAL FRENZIED FINANCE

IS SHOWN BY THE OFFICIAL REPORT AND FIGURES OF SPECIAL RECEIVER C. A. LAWSON.

EUREKA LOAN AND BUILDING ASSOCIATION'S OBLIGATIONS OVER TWO AND A HALF TIMES ITS ASSETS.

Assets Amount to Only Little Over \$72,000, While Liabilities Aggregate Nearly \$190,000—Issuance of Bonds and Bad Financing Appar to Be Primary Cause of Failure.

C. A. Lawson, who was appointed receiver of the Eureka Loan & Building Association by circuit court on September 17, has filed his report in the circuit clerk's office, in which the condition of the affairs of the association are given as nearly accurate as possible for him to do so under the circumstances.

Upon being appointed receiver by the court, Mr. Lawson executed bond in the penalty of \$25,000 and entered upon his duties. He took possession of all the property of the association and began an investigation into the affairs of the concern. In his report he says that the found that the books of the association had been very badly kept making it necessary for him to employ an expert accountant to go over them. On October 12 after some effort to secure a suitable and competent person to assist in unraveling and untangling the affairs of the association he employed H. S. DeVant, of Baltimore, Md., who has been continuously employed upon the work since that time.

On account of the fact that many matters in relation to the business of the association did not appear of record in the books regularly kept and that these books did not agree with the pass books held by the individual stockholders, nor contain any record of the loans made by the association on the one hand and the bonds issued by it on the other, the receiver found it necessary to call in all of the pass books and bonds and to resort to records in the county clerk's office for data in relation to the loans made by the association.

From all sources an approximately correct statement of the liabilities and assets of the association was prepared by the receiver and is summarized as follows in his report:

ASSETS.	
Loans to stockholders secured by deeds of trust on real estate	\$ 72,125.00
Bills receivable from sales of real estate secured by liens	1,283.33
Cash on hand and in Farmers Bank	581.25
Cash in West Virginia Bank, withheld by them on account of notes in their hands	1,077.25
Cash, due bills given by J. R. Adams	42.92
Furniture	14.00
Total assets	\$ 78,213.95

LIABILITIES.	
Bonds outstanding and unpaid	\$103,890.00
Interest on outstanding bonds to Sept. 17, 1904	3,118.57
Amount paid in by stockholders on stock in force	70,577.12
Claims and accounts payable	4,740.00
Notes in W. Va. Bank	2,332.70
Notes in Farmers Bank	4,407.50
Notes in Traders Bank	833.87

Total liabilities \$ 189,899.76
In the report Receiver Lawson does not discuss what he believes to be the cause of the present condition of the association, but he thinks it proper to indicate that the chief difficulty appeared to be the error or method of calculation on the part of the former secretary of the association whose mysterious disappearance from the city resulted in the case in court in which the association was placed in the hands of a receiver.

This error began with the very first series of bonds issued by the association. At the supposed maturity of each series of stock it was the custom of the association to issue for each share of stock a bond for \$130.00, or if the stockholder were also a borrower, to declare his loan cancelled whenever his stock reached this supposed value. It is clearly apparent, says Mr. Lawson in his report, that, from the first, bonds were issued and loans were cancelled on stock supposed to have earned \$130 a share which had not reached that figure but a much less sum. The effect of this of course was to diminish the assets of the association by not calling in the full (Continued on page six.)

MANY PERSONS DROWN

SUSPENSION BRIDGE OVER ELK CREEK AT CHARLESTON FALLS WITH HORRIFYING RESULT.

FROM TWELVE TO THIRTY SCHOOL CHILDREN GO DOWN WITH IT INTO TWENTY FEET OF WATER.

Wagons, Horses and Drivers Also Go With Bridge and Are Either Drowned or Injured—Some Are Rescued Alive and Search Is Made For Bodies of Others.

By Associated Press.
CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 16.—The suspension bridge over Elk river, connecting East and West Charleston fell yesterday.

Twelve to thirty school children were drowned. Six teams and one buggy went down with the bridge.

The body of Mamie Higginbottom, aged 8, was recovered. Four other school girls were rescued injured.

Four drivers were rescued, but two of them are probably fatally injured. Of the thirteen horses but one escaped.

Men in boats endeavored to recover the bodies from twenty feet of water. Great crowds gathered on the banks. The body of Ray Humphreys, aged 15, has been recovered. Government divers will search for other bodies.

MR. OWENS' ARM BROKEN

Well Known Clerk Slips on Icy Pavement and Sustains Painful Injury.

Oliver Q. Owens fell and broke his left arm Thursday evening. Mr. Owens is a clerk at the R. T. Lowndes store and was walking on the pavement on the main street side of the store, when the accident occurred. The pavement was icy and he slipped and fell with the arm underneath the body.

An examination of the injury showed that the large outer bone of the arm was broken above the wrist. Dr. Nelson Peck was hastily summoned and the bone was set by him in the dry goods department of the store a little later. The injury is quite painful but the patient is doing nicely and in due time he will have the use of that arm again.

TRADES COUNCIL

Will Elect Its Officers At a Meeting To Be Held Tonight For the Ensuing Year.

The Trades and Labor Council will hold its annual election of officers tonight in the Reed hall. At last Friday night's meeting nominations of candidates for the election were made as follows:

For President—Daniel Foltz and M. J. Philbin.
For Vice President—Walter Himesley.
For Recording Secretary—Charles P. Dallas and A. H. Garrett.
For Financial Secretary—John D. Primus.
For Treasurer—Daniel Henry and William Coughlin.

Trustees will also be elected at tonight's meeting.

MAN DIES SUDDENLY

Of Heart Disease at Salem—Walks to Transfer Barn, Tumbles Over On Floor and Is No More.

W. L. Thomas, a teamster, died suddenly Wednesday afternoon at Salem. He had been complaining several days and walked from his home down to the transfer barn, believing the exercise would do him good. The employees at the barn went out to do some work and upon their return they found him stretched out on the floor. They saw that he was in serious condition and summoned two physicians. The latter worked with him a few moments but were unable to save his life. He had been afflicted with heart trouble.

Thomas was 47 years of age and is survived by a wife and four children. The remains were taken Friday to Kane, Pa., his former home, for burial.

WATER BOARD SUGGESTED

BY "CITIZEN" WHOSE EARNEST DESIRE WILL BE FOR THE WELFARE OF THE CITY.

SCIENTIFIC AND THOROUGH INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE MADE AS TO METHODS OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Asks That Other Cities of the Size of Clarksburg Be Enlisted in Creating a Board to Supervise Water System—Has Faith in the City Council to Do Proper Thing.

Editor of Telegram:
In addition to what has been said lately regarding our present water system and the advisability of selling or improving it, I will add a few suggestions.

In the first place it would not seem probable that our representatives in the city council will sell our city water franchise without due deliberation and forethought—both as to price and limitations of the franchise, both of which in this case have been totally in favor of the purchasing corporation, being dictated by their attorney. Do they seem to offer us anything more than the present system affords? No. They offer us but a trifling sum or the franchise and want the present plant thrown in with no guarantee food providing for a modern water supply.

The majority of the people do not want the plant sold but improved so as to be modern and to furnish the city with an abundance of pure water for all purposes—household, factory and fire protection.

It remains a fact that at present we have a supply scarcely sufficient for one-fourth of our present demands; and that which we have is polluted and hardly suitable for consumption.

Now, as to the best methods of installing the proper plant and then conducting it in a proper and scientific manner. In towns of this size that have good water systems, most of them have adopted a water board, consisting of three or five members, well qualified and interested in their work and the welfare of the town, with the power to investigate and determine the best way of securing an abundance of pure water, to determine the best sources of supply, the best methods of filtration and storage or reservoir.

We do not want any inferiorly constructed plant that will constantly need repairs, but we do want one that will be a credit to the city and state.

There is no doubt of such a board, composed of the proper men, being able to solve the water problem to the thorough satisfaction of both residents and business men's interest, and furthermore to conduct said plant on a business and profitable basis.

As to the cost of said improvements that should be thoroughly and scientifically investigated; that such improvements as would bring our present plant up-to-date and in the most approved manner. The original cost of such improvements will not equal by far the benefits and satisfaction derived, and should be done without further delay.

COUNTY JUDGES

Hold Another Session and Transact Considerable Amount of County Business.

The county judges sat again Thursday, but adjourned early in the afternoon for the day.

Francis M. Robinson gave an additional bond as guardian of the Robinson heirs.

Exonerations were allowed to Louise B. Boggess, Al Stout, Abner S. Stout, Harry Merdian, L. E. Watkins & Co., A. A. Boggess and Darius Morris.

The applications of the Farmers Bank of Steinston, and the Farmers Bank of Clarksburg, for exonerations were rejected.

Theatre license was granted to Raymond Maxwell, receiver for the Traders Company.

Harry M. Meredith qualified as constable of Grant district.

F. M. Davis, assessor-elect, gave an additional bond.

Accident Delays Trains.
The passenger train on the Short Line due here at noon Thursday from New Martinsville was three hours late on account of a small accident at New Martinsville. One of the drivers of the engine broke and caused the delay.

BOLD SHOP LIFTING

OCCURS AT THE BON TON STORE IN THE BIG HOLIDAY RUSH.

THREE POCKETBOOKS ON THE OWNER'S DESK OPENED AND MONEY TAKEN FROM THEM ALL.

Ten Dollars in Money Taken and Possibly Articles in the Store—Discovery Comes As Surprise and There is Absolutely No Clue Whatsoever.

Some very clever shop-lifting was indulged in at the Bon Ton store Wednesday afternoon or night, but the matter was not discovered and reported until Thursday morning.

The lifters obtained about \$10.00 in money in a very daring manner, and may have taken articles from the store, although nothing has been missed so far from the large holiday stock.

The money was taken from pocketbooks lying on the desk of the manager and owner of the store, Mrs. L. E. Peters, which is stationed at the rear of the store. The desk is in a fairly good view and the work was so clever that none of the several clerks or Mrs. Peters herself observed the party or parties in the act.

From Miss Lizzie Hamrick's pocketbook \$2.00 was taken, from one to three dollars from the pocketbook of Mrs. Peters and five dollars from Miss Ingram's pocketbook.

Some small change was left in all of the pocketbooks by the lifters, evidently with a view to allay suspicion or delay discovery of the theft.

At the close of business hour Mrs. Peters and the others picked up their pocketbooks and took them home without examining the contents and the first they knew about the fact that they had been the victims of shoplifting was when they opened the pocketbook Tuesday morning before the day's work began.

There is no clue and none have the slightest idea who committed the bold deed.

PINCHED FOR BOOZING

Were Three Men Out of a Tub and Mayor Shields Gives Them Each a Dose at Police Court's Session.

From the well-worn spot in front of Mayor Shields' desk in the city's offices three men looked up into the stern eyes of Mayor Shields at the regular session of police court Thursday. Mayor Shields' eyes are not always stern but about the time he rings up the curtain at police court sessions they are noticeably so. His entire face is made up to represent an unrelenting and unyielding countenance but it is a set affair and is used only for these occasions.

These three men, though not in a tub then, looked as though they had been wallowing about in a tub of booze the evening before. With ulterior animosity they declared that they were never so remorseful in their lives before. One prisoner looked familiar to the mayor and another looked familiar. Upon investigation it was discovered that the first one had appeared upon the same charge once before and the other twice before. For the second appearance the mayor assessed a fine of five dollars and costs. For the third appearance the fine was made fifteen and costs. The other fellow got off with the minimum fine of three and costs. In default all were sent to jail.

DEATH

Of Ralph Robinson, Colored, Occurs At Home on Maud Street From Typhoid-Pneumonia.

The death of Ralph Robinson, colored, occurred at his home on Maud street Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock. Typhoid-pneumonia was the cause.

The deceased was 24 years of age and single. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Robinson, both of whom, with one brother and three sisters, survive him. The brother is John Robinson, of this city, and the sisters are Mrs. Dora Allen, of Martinsburg, Pearl and Mollie Robinson, of this city.

Arrangements for the funeral have not been made.

Attorney E. D. Lewis went to Parkersburg Thursday to attend to legal business.

KRAFT BOUGHT THE HOTEL

GAVE JAMES B. SUPLER THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THE GLEN ELK HOTEL PROPERTY.

COST SUPLER ALL TOLD ONLY SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS AND PROFIT IS MADE IN FIVE YEARS.

Deal Was Closed Thursday Afternoon—Mr. Kraft Will Make Extensive Improvements—Property Is One of the Most Desirable in Clarksburg.

Owen Kraft now owns the Glen Elk hotel property. For some time negotiations have been pending between him and James B. Supler for the purchase of the property, but the deal was not consummated until Thursday afternoon.

By the deal Mr. Supler sells the real estate and hotel building to Mr. Kraft for thirty thousand dollars. A handsome cash payment was made and provision is made for the payment of the residue at stated intervals.

Five years ago, before the Glen Elk bridge had been built and before the new R. & O. depot site had been definitely settled on, Mr. Supler cleared the briars and brush from the spot on which the hotel now stands and built a portion of the present hotel building.

Later development began over there and he enlarged his hotel and did a profitable business, running the hotel himself. Later he leased it and then enlarged it to meet the demands of the trade. All told Mr. Supler says the property cost him six thousand dollars. Compared with what it cost him thirty thousand dollars for the property.

Mr. Kraft who had the hotel leased and who has conducted it so successfully will continue to run the hotel. He expects to make vast improvements on it in the near future and will not leave along this line until he has made it one of the best hostels in every respect in the state. He has the enterprise and the push to do it, and the public may depend upon it he will do that very thing.

Sliding Party Had Runaway.
At 7:00 o'clock Thursday evening a runaway accident occurred, which fortunately resulted in no damage. The party consisted of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Wallis, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wallis, Dr. and Mrs. Sloan and Mr. Foreman Wallis and lady friend. They were indulging themselves in a sled ride, when the horses frightened at the junction of Main and Pike streets. They were thrown out but not hurt much. The horses ran into a telephone pole in front of John T. Griffin's store and stopped.

QUARTERS SECURED

In the Traders Building For the First Annual Exhibition of the Clarksburg Poultry Association Next Week.

Quarters have been secured by the officers of the Clarksburg Poultry Association for the first annual exhibition which will be held in this city December 21, 22 and 23. The store room in the Traders building north of the opera house entrance is the place secured.

Arrangements for the exhibition are being made by President Arthur Sheets, of West Milford, and Secretary-Treasurer W. H. Lewis, of this city. It promises to be a very good one. An admission fee of 25 cents will be charged visitors in order to secure money to assist in defraying the expenses of the exhibition. The members of the association will be admitted free.

Rivaled Nimrod of Old.

Robert H. Spahr, Van Cleary, formerly known as J. T. Bond, rivalled the Nimrod of old Thursday, when they went to Booth's creek and brought fourteen fine, fat rabbits back with them as the result of a single day's sport. They are now engaged in feasting their friends.

Annual Sale Held By Aid Society.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Goff Methodist church held its annual sale of fancy articles and home-made candies Thursday afternoon and night. The sale was well patronized and the proceeds will be used for benevolent purposes.